

One Hundred Third Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,  
the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three*

Joint Resolution

To designate October 1993 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month".

Whereas breast cancer will strike an estimated 182,000 women and 1,000 men in the United States in 1993;  
Whereas the risk of developing breast cancer increases as a woman grows older;  
Whereas breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, and will kill an estimated 46,000 women and 300 men in 1993;  
Whereas the 5-year survival rate for localized breast cancer has risen from 78 percent in the 1940's to over 90 percent today;  
Whereas most breast cancers are detected by the woman herself;  
Whereas educating both the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection will result in reducing breast cancer mortality;  
Whereas appropriate use of screening mammography, in conjunction with clinical examination and breast self-examination, can result in the detection of many breast cancers early in their development and increase the survival rate to nearly 100 percent;  
Whereas data from controlled trials clearly demonstrate that deaths from breast cancer are significantly reduced in women who have been screened by mammography;  
Whereas many women are reluctant to have screening mammograms for a variety of reasons, such as the cost of testing, lack of information, or fear;  
Whereas access to screening mammography is directly related to socioeconomic status;  
Whereas increased awareness about the importance of screening mammography will result in the procedure being regularly requested by the patient and recommended by the health care provider; and  
Whereas it is projected that more women will use this lifesaving test as it becomes increasingly available and affordable: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That October*

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1993 is designated as “National Breast Cancer Awareness Month” and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*